

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**In Re: Advocate for Florida Families, Inc.**

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**Case No.: FEC 16-853**

**TO:** Advocate for Florida Families, Inc.  
Meredith Freeman, Chair  
1106 North Franklin Street  
Tampa, FL 33602-3602

Division of Elections  
500 S Bronough Street, Room 316  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

**NOTICE OF HEARING (AUTOMATIC FINE)**

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **August 16, 2017 at 8:30 am, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard**, at the following location: **Senate Office Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Room 110-S, Tallahassee, Florida 32399**

Failure to appear in accordance with this notice will constitute a waiver of your right to participate in the hearing. Continuances will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

This hearing will be conducted pursuant to Section 106.25, Florida Statutes, which governs your participation as follows:

**If you are the Respondent**, you may attend the hearing, and you or your attorney will have *5 minutes* to present your case to the Commission. However, some cases (including those in which consent orders or recommendations for no probable cause are being considered) may be decided by an *en masse* vote and, unless you request to be heard or the Commission requests that your case be considered separately on the day of the hearing, your case will *not* be individually heard.

**If you are the Complainant**, you may attend the hearing, but you will *not* be permitted to address the Commission. In addition, some cases (including those in which consent orders or recommendations for no probable cause are being considered) may be decided by an *en masse* vote and, unless the Respondent requests to be heard or the Commission requests that the case be considered separately on the day of the hearing, the case will *not* be individually heard.

**If you are an Appellant**, and you have requested a hearing, you may attend the hearing, and you or your attorney will have *5 minutes* to present your case to the Commission.

Please be advised that both confidential and public cases are scheduled to be heard by the Florida Elections Commission on this date. As an Appellant, Respondent or Complainant in one case, you will *not* be permitted to attend the hearings on other confidential cases.

The Commission will electronically record the meeting. Although the Commission's recording is considered the official record of the hearing, the Respondent may provide, at his own expense, a certified court reporter to also record the hearing.

If you require an accommodation due to a disability, contact Donna Ann Malphurs at (850) 922-4539 or by mail at 107 West Gaines Street, The Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, at least 5 days before the hearing.

**See further instructions on the reverse side.**

**Amy McKeever Toman**  
Executive Director  
Florida Elections Commission  
August 1, 2017

Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

If this is a hearing to consider **an appeal from an automatic fine**, the Filing Officer has imposed a fine on you for your failure to file a campaign treasurer's report on the designated due date and, by filing an appeal, you have asked the Commission to consider either (1) that the report was in fact timely filed; or (2) that there were unusual circumstances that excused the failure to file the report timely. You are required to prove your case. If the Commission finds that the report was filed timely or that there were unusual circumstances that excused the failure, it may waive the fine, in whole or in part. The Commission may reduce a fine after considering the factors in Section 106.265, Florida Statutes. If the Commission finds that the report was not timely filed and there were no unusual circumstances, the fine will be upheld.

If this is a hearing to consider a **consent order before a determination of probable cause has been made**, the Commission will decide whether to accept or reject the consent order. If the Commission accepts the consent order, the case will be closed and become public. If the Commission rejects the consent order or does not make a decision to accept or deny the consent order, the case will remain confidential, unless confidentiality has been waived.

If this is a hearing to consider a **consent order after a determination of probable cause has been made**, the Commission will decide whether to accept or reject the consent order. If the Commission accepts the consent order, the case will be closed. If the Commission rejects the consent order or does not make a decision to accept or deny the consent order, the Respondent will be entitled to another hearing to determine if the Respondent committed the violation(s) alleged.

If this is a **probable cause hearing**, the Commission will decide if there is probable cause to believe that the Respondent committed a violation of Florida's election laws. Respondent should be prepared to explain how the staff in its recommendation incorrectly applied the law to the facts of the case. *Respondent may not testify, call others to testify, or introduce any documentary or other evidence at the probable cause hearing.* The Commission will only decide whether Respondent should be *charged* with a violation and, before the Commission determines whether a violation has occurred or a fine should be imposed, Respondent will have an opportunity for another hearing at which evidence may be introduced.

If this is an **informal hearing**, it will be conducted pursuant Sections 120.569 and 120.57(2), Florida Statutes; Chapter 28 and Commission Rule 2B-1.004, Florida Administrative Code. At the hearing, the Commission will decide whether the Respondent committed the violation(s) charged in the Order of Probable Cause. The Respondent will be permitted to testify. However, the Respondent may not call witnesses to testify.

Respondent may argue why the established facts in the Staff Recommendation do not support the violations charged in the Order of Probable Cause. At Respondent's request, the Commission may determine whether Respondent's actions in the case were willful. The Respondent may also address the appropriateness of the recommended fine. If Respondent claims that his limited resources make him unable to pay the statutory fine, *he must provide the Commission with written proof of his financial resources* at the hearing. A financial affidavit form is available from the Commission Clerk.

**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**  
**CASE REPORT**  
**Case Number: FEC-16-853**

**NAME:** ADVOCATE FOR FLORIDA FAMILIES INC

**DATE APPEAL RECEIVED:** 11/14/16

**DATE REPORT DUE:** 10/29/16 (2016 D1)

**DATE OF ELECTRONIC RECEIPT:** 10/31/16

**DATE FILING OFFICER RECEIVED REPORT:** 10/31/16

**NUMBER OF DAYS LATE:** 2

**AMOUNT OF FINE:** \$100.00

**FINE BASED ON:** (X) NUMBER OF DAYS ( ) 25% OF RECEIPTS ( ) 25% OF EXPENDITURES

**TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD:** \$0

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD:** \$5,000.00

**DATE FIRST NOTIFICATION WAS SENT:** 11/4/16

CANDIDATE [ ]	STATE [X]
PC [X]	DISTRICT [ ]
CCE [ ]	COUNTY [ ]
POLITICAL PARTY [ ]	CITY [ ]
ECO [ ]	

**SUMMARY:** Advocate for Florida Families Inc is a political committee (PC) registered with the State of Florida. The PC's chair is Ms. Meredith Freeman and its treasurer is Mr. Jeffrey Campbell.

The PC is appealing the fine claiming that unusual circumstances existed that caused the 2016 D1 Report to be untimely filed. According to Mr. Campbell, "As a first-time Treasurer for a Political Committee, I was unaware that the D1 Report was due on a weekend (Saturday, 10/29/16). I mistakenly saw only the G7 Report as the next report due. The D1 Report was subsequently filed immediately on Monday morning, 10/31/16 and only 1 expenditure was reported on the report. For the above reasons, I respectfully request that the \$100.00 penalty be waived".

- The 2016 D1 Report covers the time period from 10/22/16 through 10/28/16.
- The 2016 D1 Queued-Transactions Report reflects that this report was created on 10/31/16 at approximately 8:40 am, before being filed on 10/31/16 at approximately 8:44 am.

**PRIOR CASES:** None

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Advocate for Florida Families, Inc.

1106 N. Franklin Street

Tampa, FL 33602

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STATE OF FLORIDA  
ELECTIONS COMMISSION

November 10, 2016

Florida Elections Commission  
107 West Gaines Street, Ste. 224  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0150

Re: Advocate for Florida Families D1 Report Late Fine

Dear Florida Elections Commission Representative:

The enclosed Late Fine notice was received for the above referenced Political Committee's D1 Report.

As a first-time Treasurer for a Political Committee, I was unaware that the D1 Report was due on a weekend (Saturday, 10/29/16). I mistakenly saw only the G7 Report as the next report due. The D1 Report was subsequently filed immediately on Monday morning, 10/31/16 and only 1 expenditure was reported on the report.

For the above reasons, I respectfully request that the \$100.00 penalty be waived. Please respond in writing and advise if this penalty can be waived.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey J. Campbell

Treasurer, Advocate for FL Families, Inc.

JJC/jjc

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Meredith Freeman, Chairperson  
Advocate for Florida Families Inc.  
1106 N. Franklin Street  
Tampa, FL 33602

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STATE OF FLORIDA  
ELECTIONS COMMISSION

April 6, 2017

Donna Ann Malphurs  
Florida Elections Commission  
107 W. Gaines Street, Suite 224  
Collins Building  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050

Dear Ms. Malphurs,

This letter is in response to your notice dated March 27, 2017 (copy enclosed) regarding Advocate for Florida Families Inc.

I affirm that Jeffrey J. Campbell, the signor of a letter appealing the fine assessed for failure to timely file a required report, was representing me when the appeal was filed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and please confirm in writing that a fine is not assessed.

Sincerely,



Meredith Freeman, Chairperson  
Advocate for Florida Families Inc.

Enclosure:

- Copy of your notice dated March 27, 2017



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Ken Detzner**  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

December 2, 2016

Jeffrey Campbell, Treasurer  
Advocate for Florida Families, Inc.  
1106 North Franklin Street  
Tampa, FL 33602-3602

PAC 65989

Dear Mr. Campbell:

The campaign treasurer's report that was due on October 29, 2016, was filed on October 31, 2016. By law, you are automatically assessed a late fine of \$100.00.

**You have 20 days from the receipt of this notice to either:**

1. Pay the fine to the Florida Division of Elections (For a candidate only, a fine is not an allowable campaign expenditure and must be paid from personal funds) at:

*Florida Division of Elections  
R.A. Gray Building, Room. 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-025011*

2. Appeal the fine to the Florida Elections Commission (See Rules 2B-1.005 and 2B-1.0055, Florida Administrative Code) at:

*Florida Elections Commission  
107 West Gaines Street, Ste. 224  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0150*

If you appeal, please send a copy also to the Florida Division of Elections so that you will not receive further notices from the Division about this matter.

If you have any questions, please contact the help desk at (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristi Reid Bronson".

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

cc: Meredith Freeman, Chairperson



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Ken Detzner**  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

November 4, 2016

Jeffrey Campbell, Treasurer  
Advocate for Florida Families, Inc.  
1106 North Franklin Street  
Tampa, FL 33602-3602

PAC 65989

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Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

cc: Meredith Freeman, Chairperson

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY**

(1) Advocate for Florida Families, Inc. (2) 65989  
Candidate, Committee or Party Name I.D. Number

(3) 4301 West Boy Scout Boulevard Tampa FL 33607  
Address (number and street) City State Zip Code

Check box if address has changed since last report

(4) Check appropriate box(es):

Candidate (office sought):

Political Committee  Check If PC has DISBANDED

Committee of Continuous Existence  Check If CCE has DISBANDED

Party Executive Committee

(5) REPORT IDENTIFIERS

Cover Period: From 10/22/2016 To 10/28/2016 Report Type D1

Original  Amendment  Special Election Report

(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT

Cash & Checks	\$0.00
Loans	\$0.00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	\$0.00
In-Kind	\$0.00

(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT

Monetary Expenditures	\$5,000.00
Transfers to Office Account	\$0.00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	\$5,000.00

(8) Other Distributions

Certification

It is a first degree misdemeanor for any person to falsify a public record (ss 839 13, F.S.)

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct and complete

Name of  Treasurer  Deputy Treasurer

X  
Signature

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct and complete

Name of  Candidate  Chairman (PC/PTY Only)

X  
Signature



ID:

**CAMPAIGN ASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS**

Name: Advocate for Florida Families, Inc

Report: 2016 D1

Period: 10/22/2016 to 10/28/2016

**\*\* Records in Filed Report \*\***

Seq #	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Contributor	Occupation	Amount
		Type	In-Kind Description	

Name: Advocate for Florida Families, Inc.

Report: 2016 D1

Period: 10/22/2016 to 10/28/2016

\*\* Records in Filed Report \*\*

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	Purpose	Amount Amend
1 10/24/2016	FLORIDA DEMOCRATIC PARTY 214 S. BRONOUGH STREET TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301	MON	HOUSE VICTORY - EVENT SPONSORSHIP	\$5,000.00

ID:

**CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED DISBURSMENTS**

Name: Advocate for Florida Families, Inc.

Report: 2016 D1

Period: 10/22/2016 to 10/28/2016

**\*\* Records in Filed Report \*\***

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip	Recipient	Purpose	Amount
		Type	Related Expenditure	Amend

ID:

**CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTOR'S REPORT - ITEMIZED FUNDS TRANSFERS**

Name: Advocate for Florida Families, Inc.

Report: 2016 D1

Period: 10/22/2016 to 10/28/2016

**\*\* Records in Filed Report \*\***

Seq #	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle)	Type	Nature of Account	Amount
Date	Street Address & City, State, Zip			Amend

**Queued Items for 2016-D1**

Account: 65989

**Advocate for Florida Families, Inc.**

Rpt Seq: 21

<i>ProcessDescription</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Submitter</i>	<i>Created</i>	<i>LastUpdate</i>
Create Pending Report	Processing Complete	65989	10/31/2016 8:40:24 AM	10/31/2016 8:40:24 AM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	65989	10/31/2016 8:42:55 AM	10/31/2016 8:42:55 AM
File Pending Report	Processing Complete	65989	10/31/2016 8:44:02 AM	10/31/2016 8:44:02 AM



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Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

Name:

Election:

Acct:

Type:

**Committee Name:** Advocate for Florida Families, Inc

**Account:** 65989

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
4/10/2017	M3	4/7/2017						
3/10/2017	M2	3/17/2017	CLO	7	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
2/10/2017	M1	2/10/2017						
1/10/2017	M12	1/10/2017						
12/12/2016	M11	12/12/2016						
11/4/2016	D6	11/3/2016						
11/4/2016	G7	11/4/2016						
11/2/2016	D5	11/2/2016						
11/1/2016	D4	11/1/2016						
10/31/2016	D3	10/31/2016						
10/30/2016	D2	10/31/2016	CLO	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/29/2016	D1	10/31/2016	APP	2	\$100.00		\$100.00	\$0.00
10/28/2016	G6	10/28/2016						
10/21/2016	G5	10/21/2016						
10/14/2016	G4	10/14/2016						
10/7/2016	G3	10/7/2016						
9/30/2016	G2A	9/30/2016						
9/23/2016	G2	9/23/2016						
9/16/2016	G1A	9/16/2016						
9/9/2016	G1	9/9/2016						
9/2/2016	P7A	9/2/2016						
8/26/2016	P7	8/26/2016						
8/19/2016	P6	8/19/2016						
8/12/2016	P5	8/12/2016						
8/5/2016	P4	8/5/2016						
7/29/2016	P3	7/29/2016						
7/22/2016	P2A	7/22/2016						
7/15/2016	P2	7/15/2016						
7/8/2016	P1A	7/8/2016						
7/1/2016	P1	7/1/2016						
6/10/2016	M5	6/10/2016						
5/10/2016	M4	5/10/2016						



**Florida Department of State  
Division of Elections**

**Advocate for Florida Families, Inc.**

**Campaign Finance Activity**

**Note:** The information presented below was obtained from the Committee's/Candidate's Campaign Treasurer's Report filed with the Division of Elections. About the Campaign Finance Data Base. If all contributions for a reporting period are less than 1 dollar Then they may not be displayed.

	Filing Period	Contributions			Expend	Other	Transfers
		Monetary	Loans	InKind			
○	04/19/2016 - 04/30/2016	750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
○	05/01/2016 - 05/31/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	33.13	0.00	0.00
W	06/01/2016 - 06/24/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	06/25/2016 - 07/01/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/02/2016 - 07/08/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/09/2016 - 07/15/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/16/2016 - 07/22/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/23/2016 - 07/29/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/30/2016 - 08/05/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/06/2016 - 08/12/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
○	08/13/2016 - 08/25/2016	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	78.75	0.00	0.00
W	08/26/2016 - 08/26/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/27/2016 - 09/02/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/03/2016 - 09/09/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/10/2016 - 09/16/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/17/2016 - 09/23/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/24/2016 - 09/30/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/01/2016 - 10/07/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
○	10/08/2016 - 10/14/2016	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
○	10/15/2016 - 10/21/2016	1,750.00	0.00	0.00	3,125.00	0.00	0.00
○	10/22/2016 - 10/28/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/29/2016 - 10/29/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

<b>W</b>	10/30/2016 - 10/30/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>W</b>	10/31/2016 - 10/31/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>W</b>	11/01/2016 - 11/01/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>W</b>	11/02/2016 - 11/02/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>W</b>	10/22/2016 - 11/03/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>W</b>	11/04/2016 - 11/30/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>W</b>	12/01/2016 - 12/31/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>W</b>	01/01/2017 - 01/31/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>W</b>	02/01/2017 - 02/28/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>W</b>	03/01/2017 - 03/31/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Ⓢ</b>	<b>All Dates (Totals)</b>	9,500.00	0.00	0.00	8,236.88	0.00	0.00

Note (E) indicates that report was filed electronically

**X** Indicates that detail has not been released

**W** Indicates that a waiver was filed and **L** Indicates that a loan report was filed

Select Detail Type

Contributions ▼

Select Sort Order

Date(Ascending) ▼

Select Output Type

Display On Screen ▼

Submit Query Now

Query the Campaign Finance Data Base

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## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of STATE

**RICK SCOTT**  
Governor

**KEN DETZNER**  
Secretary of State

May 3, 2016

Meredith Freeman, Chairperson  
Advocate for Florida Families, Inc.  
1801 North Highland Avenue  
Tampa, Florida 33602

Dear Ms. Freeman:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Statement of Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for **Advocate for Florida Families, Inc.**, which were placed on file in our office on April 29, 2016. This information appears to comply with the requirements of Section 106.03, Florida Statutes, and the name of this organization has been placed on our active committee list as a political committee.

### Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **May 10, 2016**. The report will cover the period of April 1-30, 2016 (M4). All political committees that file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS).

### Credentials and Sign-ons

Below is the web address to access the EFS and the committee's user identification number. The enclosed sealed envelope contains the committee's initial password. Once you have logged in using the initial password, you will be immediately prompted to change it to a confidential sign-on. The chairperson, campaign treasurer, and deputy treasurers are responsible for protecting this password from disclosure and are responsible for all filings using these credentials, unless the Division is notified that your credentials have been compromised.

**EFS Website Address:** <https://efs.dos.state.fl.us>  
**Identification Number:** 65989

Division of Elections  
R.A. Gray Building, Suite 316 • 500 South Bronough Street • Tallahassee, Florida 32399  
850.245.6240 • 850.245.6260 (Fax) [dos.myflorida.com/elections/](http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/)



Meredith Freeman, Chairperson  
May 3, 2016  
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### **Pin Numbers**

Pin numbers are confidential secure credentials that allow you to submit reports and update information. The enclosed sealed envelope provides a confidential pin number for the chairperson. By copy of this letter, a confidential pin number to access the EFS was sent to the treasurer.

Each political committee chairperson is required to provide the Division of Elections with confidential personal information that may be used to allow access in the event that the password is forgotten or lost. When you enter the campaign account screen, there will be a drop down box where you pick a question (such as *What is your mother's maiden name?*) and supply an answer. All passwords and answers to questions are stored as encrypted data and cannot be viewed by Division staff and given out over the phone. Please notify the Division if your credentials have been compromised.

### **Timely Filing**

All reports must be completed and filed through the EFS no later than midnight, Eastern Standard Time, of the due date. Reports not filed by midnight of the due date are late filed and subject to the penalties in Section 106.07(8), Florida Statutes. In the event that the EFS is inoperable on the due date, the report will be accepted as timely filed if filed no later than midnight, Eastern Standard Time, of the first business day the EFS becomes operable. No fine will be levied during the period the EFS was inoperable.

Any political committee failing to file a report on the designated due date is subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first 3 days and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for the reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500 per day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

### **Electronic Receipts**

The person submitting the report on the EFS will be issued an electronic receipt indicating and verifying the report was filed. Each campaign treasurer's report filed by means of the EFS is considered to be under oath by the chairperson and campaign treasurer and such persons are subject to the provisions of Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes.

Meredith Freeman, Chairperson  
May 3, 2016  
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**Instructions and Assistance**

An online instruction guide is available to you on the EFS to assist with navigation, data entry, and submission of reports. The Division of Elections will also provide assistance to all users by contacting the EFS Help Desk at (850) 245-6280.

All of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on the Division of Elections' website at <http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/>. It is your responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws. Therefore, please print a copy of the following documents: Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, *Political Committee Handbook*, *Calendar of Reporting Dates*, and Rule 1S-2.017, Florida Administrative Code.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

KRB/ejr

Enclosures

pc: Jeffrey Campbell, Treasurer